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PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Participation in our children's policy council will improve
2. All children are healthier
3. The community is aware of available community resources

Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county.

Health - Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

Teen pregnancy rates will be reduced

Policy Council Action Steps:

- contact Tallapoosa Co. concerning use of their video
- contact Alabama Campaign to prevent teen pregnancy to see what resources are available

Increase the number of insured children in Coosa County

Policy Council Action Steps:

- continue annual health care survey in schools
- educate counselors concerning healthcare resources

The community will be better informed concerning health care resources

Policy Council Action Steps:

- revise, reprint and distribute community resource guide
- develop speakers bureau

Safety - Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

Child abuse will be accurately reported

Policy Council Action Steps:

- provide public awareness concerning what and how to report
- participate in child abuse prevention month

Students will feel safe at school

Policy Council Action Steps:

- continue to support our SRO
- continue to promote Second Step in our schools

Community will be better informed concerning drug use and prevention in Coosa County

Policy Council Action Steps:

- develop speakers bureau family festival

Education - Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

Projected drop out rate will be lowered

Policy Council Action Steps:

- encourage expansion of after school, summer day camps, and preschool programs
- increase career awareness

Improve job skills

Policy Council Action Steps:

- promote the new facility at CACC- invite presentation at Sept. CPC meeting
- promote scholarships for post secondary education

Early Care and

Education - Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

Availability of child care resources

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Promote HIPPY
- Provide information concerning child care subsidies

Parents will be better informed concerning resources

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Revise, reprint and distribute resource director
- Family festival

Children will have the necessary skills to succeed in school

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Promote HIPPY
- Promote preschool programs

Economic Security

- Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

Job skills will be improved

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Awareness of center at CACC
- Promote scholarships

Employment opportunities will increase

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Invite participation by chamber of commerce
- Invite participation by Lake Martin Development board

Promote GED classes

Policy Council Action Steps:

- festival
- resource directory

Parent Involvement and Skills

- Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

Parents will encourage healthy behavior

Policy Council Action Steps:

- provide a speaker at festival
- Develop speakers bureau

Parenting skills will be improved

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Investigate the use of the Parent Project
- Speakers at Dec. CPC meeting on Parent Project

Improve Communication

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Promote CCBOE website and usage of STI home
- Encourage revival of newsletter

Policy Recommendation

1. Fully fund childcare subsidies
2. Improve the way rural schools are funded
3. Improve access to mental health services
4. Fully fund CHIP

